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In 1639 Cossacks from Tomsk founded, at the mouth of the Maya River, where it flows into the Aldan, the Butalskoye Fortress and, proceeding over the passageway between the upper courses of the Maya River and Ulya River, they reached the shore of the Okhotsk Sea, where a fortress called Kossoi was soon erected, and later renamed Okhotsk. This conquest, which was carried out unsystematically and accom-

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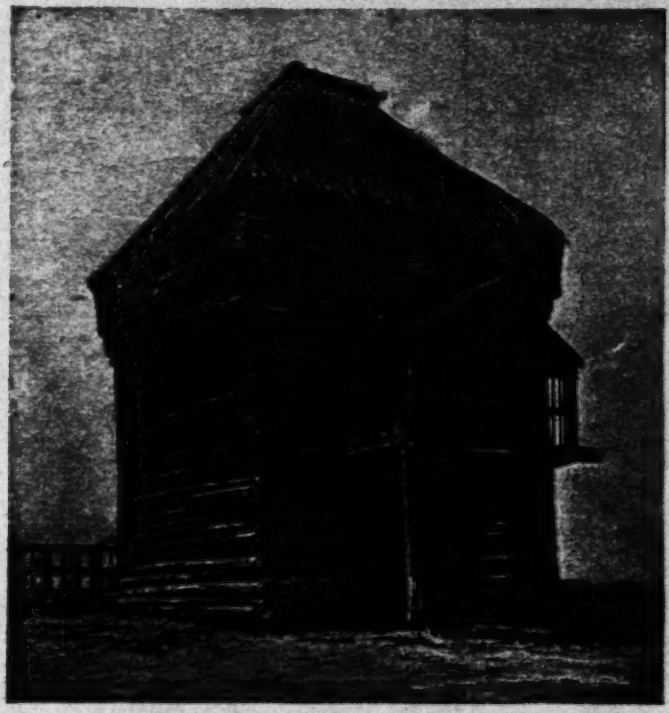

Fig. 105. A Blockhouse, the Remains of the Ancient Fortress built around the City of Yakutsk after the subjection of the Yakut by the Russian Cossacks.

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panied by internal skirmishes among the conquerors, induced the Moscow Government in 1640 to establish a special administrative center on the Lena River at Yakutsk Fortress, which served as a base for the further development of Russian influence in eastern Siberia.

With the appointment of special governors (*voyevodas*) in Yakutsk further conquests were accomplished at much greater speed. In the